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Title: "FACTORS AFFECTING TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR RECEPTOR
RELEASING ENZYME ACTIVITY"

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Ans B1 -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/712,813, filed
Ans B2 November 13, 2000 which application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/US99/10793, filed
a1 May 14, 1999, which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on
November 18, 1999, which application claims the priority benefit of U.S. application 09/081,385, filed
May 14, 1998, pending. For purposes of prosecution in the U.S., the priority applications are hereby
incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

No new matter is introduced by this amendment.